

BROADBAND COMMITTEE
JULY 31, 2019
MINUTES

Paul Looney opened the meeting at 6:30 pm July 31, 2019 at 11 Old North Main Street. Present in addition to Mr. Looney were Steve Grenier, Dennis Marcom, Dick Hill, Bob Anderson, and Peggy Pschirrer. Rod Bouchard was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Looney distributed the agenda and asked that individual committee members choose various task to be done. Steve Grenier and Dennis Marcom agreed to draft an RFP to be used by the committee.

Dick Hill asked of what value to the Town will Broadband service be? What percentage of Walpole is underserved? Will there be a raise in house prices/values because of broadband services? There could be a 5.34% increase in property values.

Paul Looney has met with John Snowden of Westmoreland. Westmoreland's next meeting is August 8 at 6:00 pm. Committee members are urged to go to that meeting if available.

Steve Grenier suggested we do a survey of each household. A good quality survey would give us better information on the underserved. Some questions that were generated about a survey were as follows: How important is a survey? How detailed would we have to be? Could we use information generated without hearing from Comcast?

Who owns the utility poles in Walpole? Is it Consolidated?

Steve pointed out that the former Sovereign net is now First Light.

Jodi Daigle will be asked if she can sort the street addresses on an excel spread sheet.

Mike Rau will be asked for mileage of each road in town.

Paul will also ask Rod Bouchard for assistance with bonding.

The next meeting will be posted for September 4, 2019 at 6: 30 pm to be held at Town Hall.